

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: ELECTRONIC MODULE AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2008. Claims 28-35 have been withdrawn from consideration. With this Response, claims 11, 14-16, 27 and 37 have been amended, and claims 12, 13, 26 and 36 have been canceled. Claims 11, 14-25, 27 and 37-39 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 11 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the Baker et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,869,896 in view of the Yoshizawa et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,132,588. Claims 12, 16, 17-25, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over these references and further in view of additional references.

Without going into the substance of these rejections, the claims have been amended in accordance with the identified allowable subject matter, thus overcoming the rejections and placing the application in condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection to the claims, and request allowance of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 13-15, 26-27, and 37 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but noted these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner's acknowledgement of the allowable subject matter is appreciated.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 13, effectively placing claim 13 in independent form. Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26, effectively placing claim 26 in independent form. Claims 14, 15, 27 and 37 have been amended to place them in independent form.

Accordingly, applicants believe all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in form for allowance. As such, entry of the amendments presented herein is believed proper in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner for Patents to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471 in the amount of \$220.00 to cover the fees as set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i).

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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